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May 19, 2011

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)(1)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)(1) and MPEP 711.03(c), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment mailed May 16, 2011 (copy attached), in regard to the above-identified application.

The Notice of Allowance was mailed on January 31, 2011, setting a due date of April 30, 2011 (Saturday) for payment of the issue fee and publication fee. As evidenced by the attached USPTO acknowledgement post card receipt dated May 2, 2011 (Monday), indicates that the Issue Fee, Publication fee, and fee for Patent copies in the amount of \$1,822.00 (large entity rate) was paid on May 2, 2011.

Also evidenced by the USPTO acknowledgement post card receipt dated May 2, 2011, is the concurrently filed Notice with Regard to Small Entity Status; Annex Itemization of Small Entity Deficiency Payment (copy attached).

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Moreover, the attached copy of the "List of PTO Papers filed After 3:00 p.m." on May 2, 2011, for Nixon & Vanderhye, P.C., lists the present case (**Item #4**; attorney docket number 5366-7) together with the documents as filed in the USPTO that day.

Because the holding of abandonment is in error as the Issue Fee and Publication fees were timely paid, it is respectfully submitted that no fees are necessary to effect withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment and reinstatement of the application to pending status. However, should any fees be due (it is believed that this should not be required), the undersigned authorizes charging of Deposit Account No. 14-1140, order number LCM-5366-7, in order to effect entry of this Petition for Withdrawal of Abandonment.

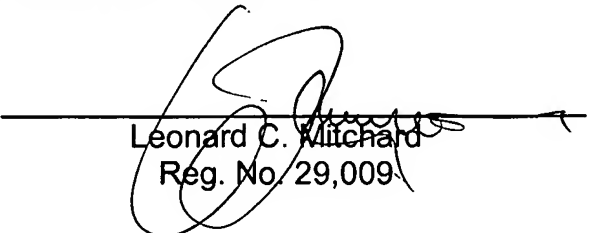
Should there be any question regarding this Petition, the Patent Office personnel in charge of this matter is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Favorable action on this application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Notice of Abandonment

This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☐ The applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on _____.
 - (a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission date _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of ____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission date _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____.
The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) ☒ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) ☐ No corrected drawing have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ Drawings received on _____ were disapproved by examiner. See examiner's response dated _____.
7. ☐ Corrected drawings were received on _____, which is after the expiration of the one-month period for reply set in examiner's response dated _____.
8. ☐ No corrected drawings have been received in reply to one-month period set in examiner's response dated _____.
9. ☐ The reason(s) below:

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or request to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

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Attachment to Notice of Abandonment

**For questions concerning the notice contact
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Information is also available on the USPTO Internet web site:
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Respond to the Notice of Abandonment by one of the following:

1. Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment (See MPEP 711.03(c) I and 37 CFR § 1.181) No fee required

Where an applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned (e.g., a reply was in fact filed), a petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is the appropriate course of action. Any petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment not filed within 2 months of the mail date of a Notice of Abandonment may be dismissed as untimely under 37 CFR § 1.181(f). In order for a petition to be granted, the evidence must be sufficient according to 37 CFR § 1.8(b) Certificate of Mailing 37 CFR § 1.10 "Express Mail" mailing or MPEP 503 Postcard Receipt as Prima Facie Evidence. The petition should be addressed as follows:

By mail: Mail Stop: Issue Fee, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
By facsimile: 571-273-8300

2. Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment Based On Failure To Receive Office Action (MPEP 711.03(c) II and 37 CFR § 1.181). No fee required

Where an applicant contends that the original Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was never received, if adequately supported, the Office may grant the petition and remail the Office action. The showing required establishing non-receipt of an Office communication must include a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office communication was not received and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received. A copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Office would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement.

Petition should be addressed to the Technology Center handling the application as follows:

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By facsimile: 571-273-8300

3. Petition To Revive An Abandoned Application (See MPEP 711.03(c) III)

Where there is no dispute as to whether an application is abandoned (e.g., the applicant's contentions merely involve the cause of abandonment) a petition under 37 CFR § 1.137 (a) or (b) (accompanied by the appropriate petition fee) is necessary to revive the abandoned application. The text of these rules is available on the USPTO Internet Web site. Forms for these petitions, "Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unavoidably Under 37 CFR § 1.137(a)," PTO/SB/61, and "Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)," PTO/SB/64, are available in the forms section of the USPTO website: <http://www.uspto.gov>.

Petitions under 37 CFR § 1.137 should be addressed to the Office of Petitions as follows:

By mail: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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Note: Abandonment takes place by operation of law for failure to reply to an Office action or timely pay the issue fee, not by operation of the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment